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PERSONAL STATEMENT

Highly motivated and determined self-taught web developer. Has a drive to learn the best programming practices to build web applications with the latest web technologies. Possesses excellent written and verbal communication skills. Works extremely well in a team and on his own and works well under pressure. Looking for a new career in web development. I have the skills, personality and passion to succeed. Took on as Trainee front end developer and worked my way up Junior Full Stack.

EDUCATION

Milford Haven Comprehensive -

11 GCSE's - Maths(C), English(C), Science Double(CC), Information Technology Double(AA), Technical Design(B), French (D), Religious Education(C), Welsh(D), Geography(D).

3 A-levels - Computer Science double and Information Technology.

FreeCodeCamp.org - A online resource for learning HTML, CSS and JavaScript. Includes a course map and certificates.

TeamTreeHouse - Another online resource for learning web development and programming principles.

Udemy - Colt Steele Web Dev Bootcamp / Advanced CSS/Flexbox.

Linkedin Learning - Linux Foundation, PHP Courses. <https://www.linkedin.com/in/jamie-evans-2aba1515a/>

PORTFOLIO

Website - <http://www.jedesign.xyz>

- Portfolio site - Laravel, SCSS/SASS, PHP, Bootstrap, JQuery. Contact form and database driven testimonials.
- My projects can be seen here with code and links to github/linkedin.
- WeightWatchers, Namco, Grosvenor Casinos - examples of my work.
- Please find some JavaScript algorithms on my GitHub.

TECHNOLOGIES

Comfortable

- **Languages:** HTML5, CSS, Javascript, PHP Basics (forms, databases, validation)
- **Frameworks/Libraries:** jQuery, Bootstrap, Sass, Laravel, Whsky, Symfony
- **Tools:** Git, Github, Webkit, NPM, Chrome Dev Tools, Command Line, Responsive Design, RESTful APIs, AJAX, JSON, SSH, Deployment, Basic AWS. (Portfolio is currently running on AWS AC2 set up myself.

Future Learning and interests

- **Languages:** PHP,
- **Frameworks/Libraries:** React, Express, Node (interested in Full-Stack)

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS AND SKILLS

- Ability to adapt extremely well to different environments and work tasks.
- Ability to learn, develop and focus on any anything that's thrown my way.
- Proven record of going above and beyond what is asked and always give my best.
- Confidence in my own abilities and not afraid to ask for help.
- I genuinely enjoy problem solving and thinking of different ways to solve problems.
- Within 6 months, I got promoted from HTML email developer to Junior back-end after proving my ability to learn.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Inspired Thinking Group - Junior Front-end Dev (promoted to back-end)

Birmingham, Feb- 2018 - Current

This is my first role in the industry, initially took on a trainee front-end developer to work on the marketing emails, and working my way within 6 months to Junior back-end developer. After my initial 3 months probation period I was immediately recognised as having more skills and experience than initially thought and was offered a 20% pay rise and an internal promotion from Trainee front-end to junior front-end then to junior back-end.

- *My skills and passion were immediately recognised and after getting involved in projects outside of my current skills set was recognised to be capable of more than just front-end*
- *ITG is a digital agency and predominantly, at least initially, my job was custom HTML emails for marketing clients such as Halfords, Skoda, T M Lewin, Genting Casinos and more.*
- *I swiftly moved on to doing some basic JavaScript validation for forms and then leading onto landing pages built entirely myself using php/vanilla JS and LESS/SASS.*
- *Due to becoming junior back-end I started learning the basics of linux and gaining experience of git and different workflows, evolving into using webpack, gulp, npm many things initially foreign to me from the initial job I applied for.*

Hoyer - Esso/Shell contract - Fuel Tanker Driver

Tamworth, November 2016 - Feb 2018

I relocated to the midlands for this job. Extremely good pay rise and working hours. Very similar to my previous job with Turners but with more pay and better working conditions. Scope for promotion was low. I ultimately left this job (on good terms) to focus entirely on web development. I lost interest in driving commercially over the years. Around the time I decided to code in my spare time coincidentally.

- *Much more team focused with senior drivers and team-leaders.*
- *Very paperwork oriented. General math used frequently to work out space available at forecourts.*
- *One of the best contracts and working conditions you can get in the Industry.*

**Turners of Soham - Fuel Tanker Driver
November 2016**

Cardiff, September 2013 -

My first driving job and civilian full time job leaving the Army. Gained some very useful skills and experience. Reporting to the office and problems which arose during delivery or loading of dangerous goods. A lot of responsibility as mainly working on your own. After a year I got promoted to regional driver trainer due to my ability to work well with others and my calm but effective approach to problems and solving problems.

- *Gained experience working shifts and nights.*
- *Promoted in the first year to a regional position.*
- *Worked using skills and qualifications I gained from the Army.*

British Army - Welsh Guards (Infantry)

London Based, September 2009 - 2013

This was my first "career" leaving school. The training was arduous, long, physical and emotionally draining. Tip of the spear, front-line role. I thought if I was going to do it, I will do it properly. Experienced everything the Army has to offer. During my time here I gained invaluable skills. Progressed through the ranks and did course after course after course. Eventually trained to be a sniper. I learned a lot about myself, what I could do and how much grit and determination I really had.

- *Gained all my driving licenses and my carriage of dangerous goods*
- *Was part of trooping of the color twice.*
- *Served overseas.*
- *Gained life-experience.*

ABOUT

Originally from Wales, moved to Midlands to be with my partner and there being better job opportunities for entry level developers. I worked hard teaches myself, by any means I could get, to teach myself the fundamentals of web development. In my spare time I enjoy playing video games (Esports - It's a thing now apparently) and going to gigs and seeing my favorite bands all over. I used to also skateboard and compete in my younger days. Unfortunately I have outgrown that now. But I try and stay involved with that community as best as I can.

The position I am in now ITG cannot offer me the progression or mentoring that I need to push myself to the next level, we have no senior developer anymore and they can't fill the position. Now I am back to doing HTML emails because there is nobody else. This is a step backwards and now after my thirst to gain a deeper understanding of back-end developer, I feel it's time to move on. Honestly the deadlines are worse than ever and being constantly undermanned and not being able to find any replacements is worrying. I feel like I would be much happier and could produce better things in a different environment. I do not have the most experience, I do not have an amazing portfolio of sites or projects, but I do have a proven track record and proving myself and my abilities and interest/passion to learn and grow and try to do the best I can do. Whether it be refactoring code, or not happy with my implementation of a solution to a problem. I continue to learn and continue to make progress. I learn by doing. I firmly believe this job is all about learning, you can never stop learning.